

# Dr M: I expected marriage of incompatible partners to end

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he had expected the marriage of incompatible partners Pas and DAP- to break down.

“I have been awaiting this for a long time because no marriage between incompatibles can last long.

“It must break . . . the relationship has ended,” he said when New Straits Times Group editor-in-chief Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad contacted him at 7.45pm at his house today.

Dr Mahathir said the two parties were brought together only by their hatred for Barisan Nasional and to win some seats in elections.

“There’s nothing in common between them. To manifest their hatred and to win the votes, both DAP and Pas were prepared to sacrifice their principles.

“Pas, in order to get Chinese support, was and is willing to pawn and violate its long standing principles of not collaborating with non-Islamic parties and persons.

“DAP, likewise, sacrifices and transgresses its belief to embrace Pas,” added Dr Mahathir.

Both parties profaned their political objective for political opportunism and expediency, another senior Umno leader told Abdullah.